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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing  
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)  
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

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For: SOFTENER COMPOSITION

Enclosed are:

- X   A specification consisting of   41   pages
- sheet(s) of        drawings
- X   Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X   Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- X   Preliminary Amendment

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- X Information Sheet
- X Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- \_\_\_ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Applicant requests early publication

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- X The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed patent application together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- X A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- \_\_\_ The Government Filing Fee will be paid at the time of completion of the filing requirement.
- \_\_\_ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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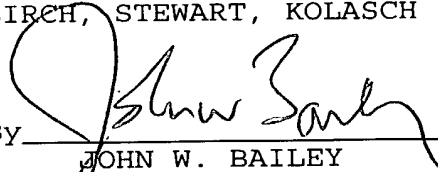
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The above information is submitted to advise the USPTO of all relevant facts in connection with the present application. A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow.

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